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By House Committee on Higher Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Kenney, Hinkle, Kagi, Dunn, Quall, Clements, Morrell, McIntire, Schual-Berke, Haigh, Simpson, Linville, Santos and Chase)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the creation of a foster care endowed
2 scholarship program; reenacting and amending RCW 43.79A.040; adding a
3 new chapter to Title 28B RCW; and making an appropriation.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that children who grow
6 up in the foster care system face many financial challenges. The
7 legislature also finds that these financial challenges can discourage
8 or prevent these children from pursuing a higher education. The
9 legislature further finds that access to a higher education will give
10 children who are in foster care hope for the future. Moreover, the
11 legislature finds that financial assistance will help these children
12 become successful, productive, contributing citizens and avoid cycles
13 of abuse, poverty, violence, and delinquency.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** Unless the context clearly requires
15 otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout this
16 chapter.

17 (1) "Institution of higher education" means a college or university

1 in the state of Washington that is accredited by an accrediting
2 association recognized as such by rule of the higher education
3 coordinating board.

4 (2) "Eligible student" means a student who:

5 (a) Is between the ages of sixteen and twenty-three;

6 (b) Has been in foster care in the state of Washington for a
7 minimum of six months since his or her fourteenth birthday;

8 (c) Is a financially needy student, as defined in RCW 28B.92.030;

9 (d) Is a resident student, as defined in RCW 28B.15.012(2);

10 (e) Has entered or will enter an institution of higher education in
11 Washington state within three years of high school graduation or having
12 successfully completed his or her GED;

13 (f) Is not pursuing a degree in theology; and

14 (g) Makes satisfactory progress towards the completion of a degree
15 or certificate program.

16 (3) "Cost of attendance" means the cost associated with the
17 attendance of the institution of higher education as determined by the
18 higher education coordinating board, including but not limited to
19 tuition, room, board, and books.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) The foster care endowed scholarship
21 program is created. The purpose of the program is to help students who
22 were in foster care attend an institution of higher education in the
23 state of Washington. The foster care endowed scholarship program shall
24 be administered by the higher education coordinating board.

25 (2) In administering the program, the higher education coordinating
26 board's powers and duties shall include but not be limited to:

27 (a) Adopting necessary rules and guidelines;

28 (b) Administering the foster care endowed scholarship trust fund
29 and the foster care scholarship endowment fund; and

30 (c) Establishing and assisting the foster care endowed scholarship
31 advisory board in its duties as described in section 5 of this act.

32 (3) In administering the program, the higher education coordinating
33 board's powers and duties may include but not be limited to:

34 (a) Working with the department of social and health services and
35 the superintendent of public instruction to provide information about
36 the foster care endowed scholarship program to children in foster care

1 in the state of Washington and to students over the age of sixteen who
2 could be eligible for this program;

3 (b) Publicizing the program; and

4 (c) Contracting with a private agency to perform outreach to the
5 potentially eligible students.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** (1) The higher education coordinating board
7 may award scholarships to eligible students from the foster care
8 scholarship endowment fund in section 7 of this act, from funds
9 appropriated to the board for this purpose, from any private donations,
10 or from any other funds given to the board for the program.

11 (2) The board may award scholarships to eligible students from
12 moneys earned from the foster care scholarship endowment fund created
13 in section 7 of this act, or from funds appropriated to the board for
14 this purpose, or from any private donations, or from any other funds
15 given to the board for this program. For an undergraduate student, the
16 amount of the scholarship shall not exceed the student's demonstrated
17 financial need. For a graduate student, the amount of the scholarship
18 shall not exceed the student's demonstrated need; or the stipend of a
19 teaching assistant, including tuition, at the University of Washington;
20 whichever is higher. In calculating a student's need, the board shall
21 consider the student's costs for tuition, fees, books, supplies,
22 transportation, room, board, personal expenses, and child care. The
23 student's scholarship awarded under this chapter shall not exceed the
24 amount received by a student attending a state research university. A
25 student is eligible to receive a scholarship for a maximum of five
26 years. However, the length of the scholarship shall be determined at
27 the discretion of the board.

28 (3) Grants under this chapter shall not affect eligibility for the
29 state student financial aid program.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** (1) The foster care endowed scholarship
31 advisory board is created.

32 (2) The advisory board shall be composed of not more than seven
33 members appointed by the higher education coordinating board. The
34 advisory board should include representatives from the higher education
35 coordinating board, the office of the superintendent of public
36 instruction, the foster parent community, and community organizations

1 serving the foster children and former foster children community. The
2 advisory board membership shall be reflective of the cultural diversity
3 of the state.

4 (3) The advisory board:

5 (a) Shall assist the higher education coordinating board in
6 publicizing the foster care endowed scholarship program;

7 (b) Shall solicit grants and donations from public and private
8 sources for the program;

9 (c) Shall assist the higher education coordinating board in the
10 program development and the application screening process; and

11 (d) May assist in performing outreach to the targeted students.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** (1) The foster care endowed scholarship
13 trust fund is created in the custody of the state treasurer.

14 (2) Funds appropriated by the legislature for the foster care
15 endowed scholarship trust fund shall be deposited in the foster care
16 endowed scholarship trust fund. When conditions in section 8 of this
17 act are met, the higher education coordinating board shall deposit
18 state matching moneys from the trust fund into the foster care
19 scholarship endowment fund.

20 (3) No appropriation is required for expenditures from the trust
21 fund.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** The foster care scholarship endowment fund
23 is created in the custody of the state treasurer.

24 (1) Moneys received from the higher education coordinating board,
25 private donations, state matching moneys, and funds received from any
26 other source may be deposited into the foster care scholarship
27 endowment fund. Private moneys received as a gift subject to
28 conditions may be deposited into the endowment fund if the conditions
29 do not violate state or federal law.

30 (2) The higher education coordinating board may disburse grants to
31 eligible students from the foster care scholarship endowment fund. No
32 appropriation is required for expenditures from the endowment fund.

33 (3) When notified by court order that a condition attached to a
34 gift of private moneys from the foster care scholarship endowment fund
35 has failed, the higher education coordinating board shall release those
36 moneys to the donors according to the terms of the conditional gift.

1 (4) The principal of the foster care scholarship endowment fund
2 shall not be invaded. For the purposes of this section, only the first
3 twenty-five thousand dollars deposited into the foster care scholarship
4 endowment fund shall be considered the principal. The release of
5 moneys under subsection (3) of this section shall not constitute an
6 invasion of the corpus.

7 (5) The foster care scholarship endowment fund shall be used solely
8 for the purposes in this chapter, except when the conditional gift of
9 private moneys in the endowment fund require a portion of the earnings
10 on such moneys be reinvested in the endowment fund.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** (1) The higher education coordinating board
12 may deposit twenty-five thousand dollars of state matching funds into
13 the foster care scholarship endowment fund when the board can match
14 state funds with an equal amount of private cash donations.

15 (2) After the initial match of twenty-five thousand dollars, state
16 matching funds from the foster care endowed scholarship trust fund
17 shall be released to the foster care scholarship endowment fund
18 semiannually so long as there are funds available in the foster care
19 endowed scholarship trust fund.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** The administrative staff for the foster care
21 endowed scholarship program shall not exceed one-quarter full-time
22 equivalent.

23 **Sec. 10.** RCW 43.79A.040 and 2004 c 246 s 8 and 2004 c 58 s 10 are
24 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

25 (1) Money in the treasurer's trust fund may be deposited, invested,
26 and reinvested by the state treasurer in accordance with RCW 43.84.080
27 in the same manner and to the same extent as if the money were in the
28 state treasury.

29 (2) All income received from investment of the treasurer's trust
30 fund shall be set aside in an account in the treasury trust fund to be
31 known as the investment income account.

32 (3) The investment income account may be utilized for the payment
33 of purchased banking services on behalf of treasurer's trust funds
34 including, but not limited to, depository, safekeeping, and
35 disbursement functions for the state treasurer or affected state

1 agencies. The investment income account is subject in all respects to
2 chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is required for payments to
3 financial institutions. Payments shall occur prior to distribution of
4 earnings set forth in subsection (4) of this section.

5 (4)(a) Monthly, the state treasurer shall distribute the earnings
6 credited to the investment income account to the state general fund
7 except under (b) and (c) of this subsection.

8 (b) The following accounts and funds shall receive their
9 proportionate share of earnings based upon each account's or fund's
10 average daily balance for the period: The Washington promise
11 scholarship account, the college savings program account, the
12 Washington advanced college tuition payment program account, the
13 agricultural local fund, the American Indian scholarship endowment
14 fund, the foster care scholarship endowment fund, the foster care
15 endowed scholarship trust fund, the students with dependents grant
16 account, the basic health plan self-insurance reserve account, the
17 contract harvesting revolving account, the Washington state combined
18 fund drive account, the Washington international exchange scholarship
19 endowment fund, the developmental disabilities endowment trust fund,
20 the energy account, the fair fund, the fruit and vegetable inspection
21 account, the future teachers conditional scholarship account, the game
22 farm alternative account, the grain inspection revolving fund, the
23 juvenile accountability incentive account, the law enforcement
24 officers' and fire fighters' plan 2 expense fund, the local tourism
25 promotion account, the produce railcar pool account, the rural
26 rehabilitation account, the stadium and exhibition center account, the
27 youth athletic facility account, the self-insurance revolving fund, the
28 sulfur dioxide abatement account, the children's trust fund, the
29 Washington horse racing commission Washington bred owners' bonus fund
30 account, the Washington horse racing commission class C purse fund
31 account, and the Washington horse racing commission operating account
32 (earnings from the Washington horse racing commission operating account
33 must be credited to the Washington horse racing commission class C
34 purse fund account). However, the earnings to be distributed shall
35 first be reduced by the allocation to the state treasurer's service
36 fund pursuant to RCW 43.08.190.

37 (c) The following accounts and funds shall receive eighty percent
38 of their proportionate share of earnings based upon each account's or

1 fund's average daily balance for the period: The advanced right of way
2 revolving fund, the advanced environmental mitigation revolving
3 account, the city and county advance right-of-way revolving fund, the
4 federal narcotics asset forfeitures account, the high occupancy vehicle
5 account, the local rail service assistance account, and the
6 miscellaneous transportation programs account.

7 (5) In conformance with Article II, section 37 of the state
8 Constitution, no trust accounts or funds shall be allocated earnings
9 without the specific affirmative directive of this section.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 11.** Sections 1 through 9 of this act constitute
11 a new chapter in Title 28B RCW.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 12.** The sum of one hundred fifty thousand
13 dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from
14 the general fund to the higher education coordinating board for the
15 fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, to carry out the purposes of this
16 act.

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